

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An adjustable mounting for hanging an object on a wall comprising:

a generally disc shaped mounting element having an eccentrically located hole extending therethrough, the disc also having a circumferential perimeter and a generally planar back surface that engages a front surface of the wall;

a threaded fastener ~~extending substantially normally to said back surface and~~ passing through ~~[[a]] the~~ hole in said mounting element and into said wall and adapted to be rotated to be advanced into said wall and tightened against said mounting element to press said mounting element ~~back surface~~ against ~~[[a]] the front~~ surface of said wall to a selective degree to create a sufficient frictional force ~~acting~~ between said surface of said wall and said ~~back surface of said~~ mounting element to prevent rotation of said mounting element about said fastener or to be selectively loosened to allow rotation of said mounting element on said fastener while said mounting element ~~back surface~~ is held in a rotatable position against said wall;

a circumferentially extending engagement feature on said mounting element perimeter comprising a groove that is spaced apart from the front surface of the wall, the groove being engageable ~~at points~~ about its circumference with a hanging support attached to said object to be mounted thereon, said feature being located eccentrically with respect to said hole and said threaded fastener so as to ~~be shifted vertically~~ define an arcuate zone of engagement between the groove and the support, the zone being displaced around an arcuate segment of the groove when said mounting element is rotated about said threaded fastener;

said mounting element being freely rotatable about said threaded fastener when positioned thereby against said wall surface with said fastener loosened sufficiently to reduce said frictional force ~~acting~~ between ~~said surface of~~ said wall and said mounting element ~~back surface~~ to thereby shift ~~a point~~ the zone of engagement between said engagement feature and said hanging support along the ~~circumference of said feature~~ groove and to thereby vertically shift said ~~point of engagement of said feature with said hanging support~~ zone and said object

to a desired ~~vertical~~ position on said wall, said mounting element thereafter being able to be frictionally held against said wall surface in said desired ~~vertical~~ position ~~to be by being rendered nonrotatable by through~~ tightening [[of]] said threaded fastener against said mounting element to create said frictional force ~~acting~~ between said mounting element ~~back surface~~ and said wall surface sufficient to prevent rotation of said mounting element on said fastener with said object held thereon by said hanging support.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The mounting according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein said groove is defined by two series of teeth arranged about said perimeter lying on either side of said mounting element.

5. (Currently Amended) The mounting according to claim 4 ~~herein~~ wherein each of said series of teeth are flared outwardly away from each other to define said groove.

6. (Original) The mounting according to claim 5 wherein said teeth in each series are offset from each other.

7. (Previously Presented) The mounting according to claim 6 wherein a surface extends between each of said series of teeth, defining the bottom of said groove.

8. (Previously Presented) The mounting according to claim 7 wherein said groove surface is stepped, being further out radially adjacent one set of teeth relative to the second set of teeth.

9. (Currently Amended) The mounting according to claim [[2]] 1 wherein said groove has continuous flared sides extending about said perimeter of said mounting element.

10. (Currently Amended) The mounting according to claim 1 wherein said threaded fastener is received in an anchor seated in said wall, and further including a counterbore at each end of said hole, one counterbore receiving a head of said threaded fastener and the other counterbore receiving a flange on said anchor.

11. (Withdrawn) A method of adjustably mounting wall hanging to a wall comprising the steps of securing a mounting element to a wall by a fastener passed through a hole in said element;

rotating said element about said fastener as necessary to a selected position where an engagement feature of said element located eccentrically to said hole is positioned at a corresponding desired height for support of said wall hanging and thereafter tightening said fastener to prevent further rotation of said element;

and engaging said feature with a support fixed to said wall hanging to mount said wall hanging thereon.

12. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 11 wherein said step engaging said engagement feature includes the step of engaging a top of a perimeter portion of said element without an annular space extending around the perimeter of said disc with said wall hanging support.

13. (New) An adjustable mounting for hanging an object on a wall comprising:
a generally disc shaped mounting element having a circumferential perimeter and a generally planar back surface;

a threaded fastener extending substantially normally to the back surface and passing through a hole in the mounting element and into the wall and being adapted to be rotated for advancement into said wall and tightened against the mounting element to press the mounting element back surface against a surface of the wall to a selective degree to create a sufficient frictional force acting between the surface of said wall and the back surface of the mounting element to prevent rotation of the mounting element about the fastener or to be

selectively loosened to allow rotation of the mounting element on the fastener while the mounting element back surface is held in a position against the wall;

a circumferentially extending engagement feature on the mounting element perimeter engageable at points about its circumference with a hanging support attached to the object to be mounted thereon, the feature being located eccentrically with respect to the hole and the threaded fastener so as to be shifted vertically when the mounting element is rotated about the threaded fastener;

the mounting element being freely rotatable about the threaded fastener when positioned thereby against the wall surface with the fastener loosened sufficiently to reduce the frictional force acting between the surface of the wall and the mounting element back surface to thereby shift a point of engagement between the engagement feature and the hanging support along the circumference of the feature and to thereby vertically shift the point of engagement of the feature with the hanging support to a desired vertical position on the wall, the mounting element thereafter being able to be frictionally held against the wall surface in the desired vertical position to be nonrotatable by tightening of the threaded fastener against the mounting element to create the frictional force acting between the mounting element back surface and the wall surface sufficient to prevent rotation of the mounting element on the fastener with the object held thereon by the hanging support;

wherein the groove is defined by two series of teeth arranged about the perimeter lying on either side of the mounting element.

14. (New) The mounting of claim 13, wherein each of the series of teeth are flared outwardly away from each other to define the groove.

15. (New) The mounting of claim 14, wherein said teeth in each series are offset from each other.

16. (New) The mounting of claim 15, wherein a surface extends between each of the series of teeth, defining the bottom of the groove.

17. (New) The mounting of claim 16, wherein the groove surface is stepped, being further out radially adjacent one set of teeth relative to the second set of teeth.